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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated April 30, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please amend claims 3-5 and 7 as follows.

3. (Once Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the stiffening pipe is the reflector.

4. (Once Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the stiffening pipe is connected to a metal plate as the reflector.

5. (Once Amended) A device for side impact detection for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a reflector;

a stiffening pipe connected to the reflector, the stiffening pipe being situated in a side section of the motor vehicle;

at least one sensor situated in the side section of the motor vehicle for